IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Appln. Of:

TANABE et al.

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SEMICONDUCTOR THIN FILM FORMING SYSTEM

Group:

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Examiner:

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT B

Dear Sir:

The following amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed December 3, 2001. A Petition for One Month Extension of Time accompanies this amendment.

Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly cancel the present Specification, and insert in place thereof the attached new Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 to read as follows:

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TEL: 603-668-1400 FAX: 603-668-8567 1. (Amended) A semiconductor thin film forming system for modifying a predetermined region of a semiconductor thin film by exposing the semiconductor thin film to a projected light patterned through plural patterns formed on a photo mask,